

to time, a study is made of the call records to determine when most calls come into the Sheriff's department and the shifts adjusted accordingly.

The 15 employees of the Sheriff's department are grossly over-worked and reasonable protection for the county residents is not possible with the present staff. General Statute 153-53.2 passed by the 1966-1967 N. C. Legislature makes it mandatory that a trained supervisor be on duty 24 hours per day to supervise the operation of the jail. Even though the head jailor lives in the jail and honor grade prisoners are used to help supervise the jail, the county is not exempt from the law. Two jailors cannot possibly handle the jail adequately.

Training for the personnel of the Sheriff's department includes work at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, at the Coastal Plain Law Academy in Wilson and at Wayne Community College. The deputies also use a private gun club for outdoor firing practice, and indoor practice is available at the Mount Olive National Guard Armory. At best, the training program is not consistent. There are no incentives for the deputies to complete further training. New deputies have a probationary period of six months. Nevertheless, the personnel turnover has been less than five percent over the last five years.

Township constables are elected in several townships in Wayne County. They have power to enforce civil and criminal laws, normally within their township. There are only five township constables active in the county today, and they are primarily concerned with serving papers, summonses and subpoenas.

In addition to the Sheriff's department, the township constables, and the various town's police departments, there are 10 state highway patrolmen stationed in Wayne County.